



— State of —  
**North Dakota**  
*Office of the Governor*  
John Hoeven  
*Governor*

PROCLAMATION  
**ALCOHOL AND DRUG ADDICTION RECOVERY MONTH**  
SEPTEMBER 2005

**WHEREAS**, substance use disorders are a serious and treatable health problem, and as many as 63 percent of Americans say that addiction to alcohol or other drugs has had an impact on them at some point in their lives, whether it was the addiction of a friend or family member or their own personal addiction; and

**WHEREAS**, assessing the needs of individuals struggling with addictions and providing them with the appropriate treatment—and their family members with support services—is a crucial first step in helping people realize that recovery is possible and treatment is effective; and

**WHEREAS**, access to affordable, individualized treatment programs can help heal lives, families, and communities; and

**WHEREAS**, North Dakotans are encouraged to support recovering individuals and their families, and the treatment and support services providers who assist them; and

**WHEREAS**, the federal Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, the North Dakota Addiction Treatment Providers Coalition, the Addiction Counselors' Association and the North Dakota Department of Human Services are working together to generate awareness of substance use disorders and promote the benefits of treatment; and

**NOW, THEREFORE**, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim September 2005, **ALCOHOL AND DRUG ADDICTION RECOVERY MONTH** in the state of North Dakota.

/s/  
John Hoeven  
Governor

Attest:

/s/  
Alvin A. Jaeger  
Secretary of State